

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3682  
INFO AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN (JOHN ARAM VARJABEDIAN)

REF: (A) DOHA 652 (B) DOHA 666 (C) DOHA 685

FOR: MRS. JOHN ARAM VARJABEDIAN  
28240 FARMINGTON RD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48018  
TEL: (313) 553-4714

1. I AM DEEPLY SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN HAS INFORMED ME TODAY THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CREMATE THE REMAINS OF YOUR LATE HUSBAND.
2. ON MAY 20, AS YOU INSTRUCTED, YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS WERE SHIPPED TO BAHRAIN FOR CREMATION. NORMALLY THIS PROCESS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN BAHRAIN WITHIN A FEW DAYS; HOWEVER DUE TO A MALFUNCTION AT THE CREMATORIOUS THIS HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE.
3. THE CONDITION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS IS SUCH THAT IMMEDIATE BURIAL IS REQUIRED UNDER BAHRAINI LAW. I HAVE REQUESTED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN TO INSURE THAT YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS ARE BURIED IN A CHRISTIAN CEMETERY AND THAT A CHRISTIAN SERVICE IS ARRANGED.

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4. AGAIN I AM TRULY SORRY FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE AND WILL HAVE THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN CONTACT YOU REGARDING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS.
- KILLGORE

NOTE BY OC/T: DOHA 720 PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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